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EXPAND, MODERNIZE HOUSING INDUSTRY

PREFABRICATED HOUSE FACTORY BEING BUILT -- Budapest, Hírek a Magyar Nép
 Demokratizáló, 10 Nov 50

The National Enterprise for the Manufacture of Building Elements (Epile-
 telgyártó Nemzeti Vállalat) is being built along Budafoki Road.

A variety of reinforced-concrete products were manufactured this year and
 last with gravel mined from the Danube. Window frames, reinforced-concrete
 girders, floor beams, concrete water pipe, and fence sections were manufactured,
 and the model of the first prefabricated concrete house is now ready.

The systematic building of the plant started this year, when work was
 started on all the component parts of the plant, such as the central office,
 the boiler room, the gravel storage shed, and the installation sheds. In 1951
 enough reinforced-concrete products will be produced to install the founda-
 tions of 20,000 two-room apartments.

The gravel, arriving on Danube barges, will be forwarded to the gravel
 storage shed by conveyor belts. In this shed there will be room to store a
 reserve of 50,000 cubic meters of gravel. Mechanical means will be employed to
 move the gravel to a central sifter which will sort it, according to size, into
 seven categories. The gravel will then be forwarded to the mixer. Cement will
 arrive just as the gravel did and will be transported to the cement storage
 shed by a suction system; from there it will go to the mixer. The concrete ma-
 terial will be placed on vibrating tables, molded, and the finished reinforced-
 concrete products put into a steam chamber for setting. Instead of the usual
 2 days, it will now take only 6-8 hours to prepare the reinforced concrete for
 shipping and installation.

The plant will occupy an area of 42 cadastral yokes.

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BUILDING INDUSTRY DOUBLES OUTPUT -- Budapest, Hírek a Magyar Népi Demokráciából,
16 Nov 50

The number of workers employed in the building industry doubled during the first year of the Five-Year Plan. The seasonal character of this trade was discontinued. Soviet Stakhanovite workers came to Hungary several times to teach their methods. All this has made it possible for the Hungarian building industry to exceed the already raised requirement for the first year of the Five-Year Plan.

The goal had been set at 173.3 percent of the 1949 level, but in early November the Hungarian building industry was already at 193 percent. This means that twice as many new factories, dwelling units, schools, and hospitals are being built as last year.

The goal set for 1951 is 285 percent of 1949, but on the basis of the good results obtained up to now, there is no doubt that the Hungarian building industry will surpass even this figure.

NEW WOOD SUBSTITUTE DISCOVERED -- Budapest, Világosság, 4 Oct 50

Ferenc Aba, a worker in the Újpest Veneer and Wallboard Factory, has produced a new wood substitute by compressing a mixture of shavings, sawdust, rice chaff, hemp, corn and reed waste material, and a bonding agent. The new material will make it unnecessary to import 16,000-18,000 cubic meters of coniferous lumber [per year?], saving 6 million forints for the industry. The new substitute can be used in manufacturing furniture, radio cabinets, decorative articles, hygienic articles, and doors, and can be used for sound and heat insulation.

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